

Please add new claims 10 and 11 as follows:

--10. (New) An avian food composition comprising: fat and an effective amount of a liposome-encapsulated immunoglobulin against lipase effective to inhibit body-weight gain.

11. (New) The food of claim 10 which contains 25-1000 mg/kg of a liposome-encapsulated immunoglobulin against lipase.--

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Support for the phrase "fat-containing diet" is found on page 1, lines 9-13 of the specification.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 9-11 are active in the application.

Undersigned counsel thanks Examiner Gable for a telephonic discussion of the issues held on March 31, 2003. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The present invention relates to a method for regulating the body weight of an animal by inhibiting body weight gained when it is given a fat-containing diet. This weight regulation is accomplished by feeding the animal an effective amount of a liposome-encapsulated immunoglobulin against lipase.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph, on grounds that the claims are not enabled. The Examiner acknowledged that lipase plays a role in the breakdown and storage of fat (Official Action page 5, last paragraph) but notes that lipase plays no role in the breakdown and storage of sugars, proteins and carbohydrates, so it is "unlikely that the claimed method would work in an animal that was fed a diet high in sugars, protein, and carbohydrates because the antihydren lipase immunoglobulin would have no effect on the breakdown of storage and sugars, protein and carbohydrates." (Official Action, paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6). In response, the claims have been amended to specify that the animal is given a fat-containing diet, thereby ensuring that the claimed